

# **PREVENTION RESOURCE CENTER**

**AmeriCorps VISTA Summer Associate Program**

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## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

- Putting the pieces together to assist Montana communities:
  - Coordinate state policy
  - Build community infrastructure
  - Provide resources
- 5 Goals
  - Reduce Child Abuse
  - Reduce Youth Substance Abuse
  - Reduce Youth Violence
  - Reduce School Dropout
  - Reduce Teen Pregnancy
- [www.prevention.mt.gov](http://www.prevention.mt.gov)



# AMERICORPS VISTA

- AmeriCorps VISTA
  - AmeriCorps VISTA builds permanent infrastructure in non-profit organizations to help them more effectively bring individuals and communities out of poverty.
  - VISTA members serve low-income areas by mobilizing people, businesses, and organizations with the goal of creating sustainable healthy communities.
  - Traditional VISTA members provide indirect service, full time for one year at a non-profit or government organization.
- AmeriCorps VISTA [website](#)



# VISTA SUMMER ASSOCIATE PROGRAM

- Short-term service opportunity
  - 10 week term
  - Term starts after May 1 and concludes by August 31.
  - Summer Associates serve full time – described by Congress as “24 hours a day, 7 days a week”.
  - Summer Associates can provide direct and indirect service to non-profit and government agencies.
  - Summer Associates cannot have another job while serving
  - Benefits
    - On site orientation and training.
    - Living allowance of \$973 a month.
    - Option of \$1212 Segal AmeriCorps Education Award or \$125/month cash stipend upon successful completion of service.



# SUMMER ASSOCIATE FOCUS AREAS

- Education: Summer learning loss prevention
  - Summer reading programs
  - Summer leadership programs
  - Other educational programs
- Healthy Futures: Childhood hunger prevention
  - Summer Food Service Programs



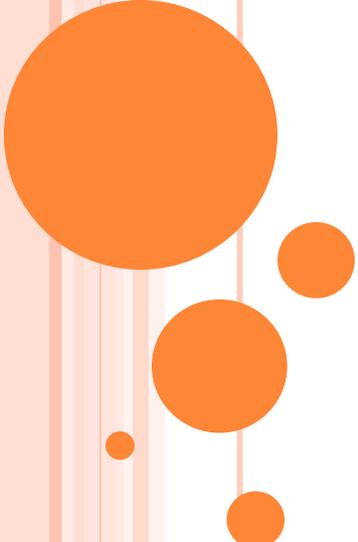
# HOW TO GET A SUMMER ASSOCIATE

## ○ Summer 2015

- Summer Associate Site Application available on [PRC website](#).
- Site applications due by close of business the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday in February.
- Sites responsible for \$1,250 cost share for each member.
- Summer Associates start service in early June 2015.



# QUESTIONS?



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